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Bookings can be made in Bahrain on these air lines either through their Bahrain offices or through any of the various travel bureaux that function in Manama. It is also possible to charter aircraft from Gulf Aviation Ltd. at rates which can be ascertained from the Company or its agents. D.H. Doves, carrying 7 passengers, are used.

Below are given some of the current air fares to various world cities and to the other Persian Gulf towns :—

Bahrain to :	Fare		Bahrain to :	Fare	
	single	return		single	return
	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
Amsterdam ..	1547	2475	Doha ..	65	130
Bombay ..	680	1224	Karachi ..	547	985
Brussels ..	1494	2475	Kuwait ..	147	265
Cairo ..	627	1129	London ..	1547	2475
Colombo ..	907	1633	New York* ..	3428	5861
Damascus ..	534	962	Paris ..	1547	2475
Delhi ..	707	1273	Rome ..	1240	2232
Dhahran ..	30	60	Sharjah ..	150	280

*Off season return fare New York Rs.5380.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The telecommunication system of the islands is owned and operated by Cable and Wireless Ltd., who maintain an automatic telephone system within Bahrain itself and also a radio-telephone system with other countries.

The following are representative cable rates :—

Telegraph Rates (per word).

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Country.	Ordinary (Full Rate)			Rs. As.			Rs. As.	
Australia ..	2	13	..	30	15	..	1	6½
Canada ..	1	10	..	17	14	..	0	13½
Egypt (1 and 3 regions)	1	13	..	19	15	..	0	14½
Egypt (region 2)	1	14	..	20	10	..	0	15½
France ..	1	1	..	11	11	..	0	8½
Great Britain ..	1	1	..	11	11	..	0	8½
Holland ..	1	1	..	11	11	..	0	8½
India ..	0	13	..	8	15	..	0	6½
Irak ..	0	10	..	6	14	..	0	5½
Italy ..	1	1	..	11	11	..	0	8½
Pakistan ..	0	12	..	8	4	..	0	6½
U.S.A. :								
New York City ..	1	6	..	15	2	..	0	11½
Alaska ..	1	14	..	20	10	..	0	15½
All other places ..	1	8	..	16	8	..	0	12½

The following are radio-telephone charges, for three minute calls :—

	Rs.	As.
(a) Great Britain, Northern Ireland and Eire ..	40	0
(b) France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg ..	43	15
(c) Denmark, Germany and Switzerland ..	48	1
(d) Norway and Sweden ..	49	15
(e) United States of America and Canada ..	50	0

organize the secondary school system. The teachers received 871 from £25 to £30 a month and "bed and board" paid by the 658 Bahrein government. Interestingly enough, the first director of 875 the first school opened at Muharraq was the present Saudi Arabian Minister to London, Sheik Hafiz Wahba.

At present, there is no newspaper in Bahrein. A weekly 284 newspaper, Al Bahrein, was founded in 1939, but ceased its 207 publication after the death of its publisher, Abdallah Za-id. In 1940 a broadcasting station was built, and the Al-Bahrein Radio started short-wave broadcasts on a 23-m, 50 band on November 4. During the war, Radio Bahrein was most useful to the Allied cause, since its four daily news broadcasts in Arabic and Persian were heard more easily throughout the Near East than those of Egypt.

Besides the schools, two "circles" for the discussion of 517 political and literary matters were established in 1935 under 575 the patronage of the brother of the Sheik. There was already a Cercle Israelite in the island.

ECONOMY

The geographical features and the geological formation of 311 the islands greatly reduce the economic value of Bahrein. The scarcity of water and the sandy nature of the soil exclude agricultural development. The application of modern methods of agriculture and the utilization of artesian wells and gasoline operated pumps are too recent and too inadequate to make Bahrein even partially independent of imported food. For many years to come, and probably forever, the islands will be dependent on food, meat, vegetables, and fruits brought chiefly from the Persian or Arabian mainland.

Fortunately, in most of the islands of the Persian Gulf and 312 the surrounding regions, wherever water is found naturally or 245 captured artificially, date palms grow with astonishing ease. The northern part of Bahrein Island, thanks to natural springs and more recently to artesian wells, is practically a string of oases with palm groves numbering several hundred thousands.